

## DOGS WRECKED HIS HOME, SAYS PHILADELPHIAN

Whole House Gone to Bowwows, Financier Declares In Divorce Suit.

PHILADELPHIA, May 4.—(Deser.) section was the official ground on which Charles W. Young, president of the Compressed Oil Corporation, applied for divorce from Madeleine B. Young, in Philadelphia.

But he eloquently declared on the witness stand that the real reason for the wrecking of their romance was—

"DOGS!"

The whole house went to the demolition bowwows, the husband asserted, and he specified the collection of canines which took possession of his home, calling them by name and breed.

And the worst of it was that none of them was a real dog! Oh, no, they were not creatures of his imagination. They were real enough that way, but none of them was the sort of dog that a man would want around him. For instance, Mr. Young explained:

"They were just plain and fancy mongrels picked up from all over town, and then there were other kinds. There never was but one regular dog in the house and that was once when in desperation I got an Airedale, but he didn't last long."

"I think that she poisoned it. Anyway, it died a lingering death in mysterious circumstances. And as for the other dogs, they certainly did make one everlasting racket around the house. I couldn't even read a Sunday newspaper in peace with their barking and snapping and yelping and snarling."

As closely as he could count them, Mr. Young said, there were eighteen of the animals around at one time, more or less, with the probability in favor of the more. Besieged as he was by the four-legged invaders, he did not move out, but held the fort on the principle that an American's home is his castle. In the end, Mrs. Young left the premises, and the manner of her going was abrupt, for she said:

"I was forced to leave because of my husband's violent temper. He made my married life unbearable."

Against this Mr. Young responded:

"She cursed me and threatened me with a revolver. She wouldn't have any children and she was always preaching birth control. It was nothing but dogs, dogs, and more dogs. She sure did love them!"

But the wife made quick reply:

"I was averse to having children because there had been drunkenness in both branches of our family. Children should not be brought into the world when their parents are afflicted with drunkenness. Mr. Young's family had one drunkard and my relatives were afflicted in the same way."

Answering her husband's statement that she had "preached birth control," the wife said:

"I have expressed my views to friends and associates that children should not be born when there is drunkenness in their ancestry."

But counsel for her husband demanded if she had ever expressed the opinion that all men were worthless. Mrs. Young could not recall that, and the lawyer said specifically:

"During the war did you not make the statement that you wished all men in the army and navy would be killed off so that the creation of population would be stopped, because men were no good anyway?"

Considering the question at the moment, the wife responded, slowly:

"No, I do not remember making any such statement."

Her attorneys thrust in a swift objection to that line of cross-examination, and the court sustained the objection. After twenty minutes' deliberation, the jury returned a verdict granting the husband a decree, and he said as he smilingly shook hands with each juror:

"It will be a long time, if ever, before I take another plunge into the sea of matrimony. Once is enough."

**IRISH TO MEET TOMORROW AT WARDMAN PARK**

Mayor of Limerick to Explain Failure of Recent Dublin Peace Conference.

The second annual national convention of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic will be held in Wardman Park Hotel tomorrow and Saturday.

A message from Ireland to the Irish of America will be given by Stephen O'Mara, mayor of Limerick, who has just reached the United States after attending the conference in Dublin, called by Lord Mayor O'Neill and Archbishop Bourne in an attempt to compose the difficulties between the parties in Ireland.

In his message it has been announced that Mr. O'Mara will discuss some of the inside factors which caused the failure of the conference.

Speakers who will address the convention include: Austin Stack, member of the Irish republic, delegation and former minister of home affairs of the Irish republic; Charles Edward Russell, a representative of the National Woman's party; the Rev. Dr. Cotter, of Iron, Ohio; John P. Harrigan, of Worcester, Mass.; Peter Golden, the Rev. Michael O'Flanagan, vice president of the Sinn Féin; Dr. Charles O'Grady, of Charleston, W. Va.; James Murray, of Butte, Mont.; the Rev. William F. Cahill, of Chicago, and Mr. J. J. Castellini, of Cincinnati. John J. Hearn, of Westfield, Mass., national treasurer of the organization, will deliver his report.

The Rt. Rev. Mgr. James W. Power, of New York, will deliver the opening prayer, and Andrew I. Hickey, of Washington, will make the address of welcome.

Officers of the association for the coming year will be elected Saturday afternoon.

**Floods Bring Fish.**

PEORIA, Ill., May 4.—During the flood which has taken the Illinois river far out of its banks boys have been fishing in the ball park, which was inundated. Several large catches have been made.

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**NAVAL SUPPLIES ON HAND VALUED AT 250 MILLION**

Officers Tell Senate Committee of Surplus Left From War Purchases.

By International News Service.

The United States navy has \$250,000,000 worth of supplies on hand, most of which were purchased during the world war, it was revealed today by naval officers to the Senate Naval Appropriation Committee.

The quarter billion in supplies, it was stated, does not include any of the navy's huge oil reserves in California and Wyoming, but consists chiefly of ammunition, equipment for men and "spare parts" for warships. The navy's oil reserves, experts have estimated, are valued at from \$500,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000.

Special protection will be given the oil reserves, the committee was told, under a plan recently adopted by the Navy Department. This protection, it was reported, amounts to a resumption of the system instituted by former Secretary Daniels.

An appropriation of \$100,000 to provide naval guards was asked of the committee by Secretary Denby. It will be expended, if granted, in procuring observers to guard each naval reserve.

"Observers will be placed in the field," said Secretary Denby, "to see that there are no encroachments on the navy holdings and gauge the production at wells which the Government has leased to individuals and which now are handled almost exclusively by the Secretary of the Interior."

The secretary referred to the Teapot Dome section in Wyoming, the lease of which to Harry F. Sinclair and associates caused a "row" in the Senate.

"Recent developments in that locality (Teapot Dome) require slightly additional expenditures," Denby said. The committee did not press him for additional details.

**U. S. ATTORNEY WON'T PERMIT RAISE IN BREAD**

Serves Notice He Will Order Inquiry If Price Is Increased.

"If the price of bread is raised in the District, I'll start an investigation the very next day," declared Maj. Peyton Gordon, United States District Attorney, today.

Reports coming to Major Gordon to the effect that Washington master bakers would increase bread prices, because of the continued wartime scale of the bakers' union, brought forth this statement.

Major Gordon declared that since his investigation of bread costs in Washington last December and January, he had not concerned himself with the subject until he learned of the current reports. While Washington bakers would be open to prosecution under the antitrust law if all of them, or a great number of them, increased bread prices overnight, the law would also reach them if there appeared to be a concerted, unjustified action on their part, it was explained.

"While only rumors from other bakeries have reached me," said a master baker today, "I have good reason to believe that several bakeries intend to raise the price of bread. My own company will not be the first to do so."

Employing bakers contend that costs of ingredients for the manufacture of bread have gone up recently, while members of the bakers' union declare that the costs have fallen and that the bakeries are reaping great profits.

Department of Labor statistics show that the price of bread per pound in the District, during 1920, averaged 11.4 cents; in 1921, the average was 10 cents, and for the first three months of this year, it was 8.5 cents a pound.

Major Gordon indicated that the investigation, if undertaken, would first direct itself toward gathering all information concerning material and labor costs.

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